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### Community eleven36 – Cochabamba - Bol.

Greetings from Cochabamba, the heart of South America where spring blooms and sometimes we are surprised with a little drizzle. We had an invitation to lunch at the home of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church who live a few blocks from our house; the idea was to create links and fellowship between the two congregations.

On 23 October we had the opportunity to celebrate with Brother Javier Sullivan another birthday. Javier took over the kitchen and we all enjoyed the results of his vast culinary knowledge. A week later, four Maryknoll priests came to visit and it was a very fraternal and enjoyable night.

We had a pleasant visit from Kevin Bernard who came to lead the retreat for our second year novice, Francisco Tuiro, and the retreat for the renewal of annual vows of the junior professed Brothers. The retreat was a weekend of intense reflection.

After an experience of three months, the three Brothers (Renato, Bruno and Alberto) who had been living in a very poor neighborhood, have returned to the community house and are eager to return to this adventure next year.

Javier attended a retreat based on the Ignatian spiritual exercises for a week, and during that week we had a visit from Brs. Hugh O'Neill and Kevin Griffith, North America's leadership team, who were with us for a few days. In addition, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church have visited with their postulants; we had a very entertaining Saturday night, with a good Chinese meal and a movie at home.

We are currently planning for next year with the young children workers and the junior Brothers are beginning exams in the universities. The days ahead will be very exciting if not hectic.

We express our deepest condolences to the Velásquez family and, especially, to Brother Saul, on the recent loss of his sister. May she rest in peace and enjoy God's presence.

### La Esperanza Community - Chimbote, Peru

The long-awaited day arrived for hundreds of children who are ending the Primary school studies in December and who desire to enter Mundo Mejor secondary school. More than 400 children sat for the Evaluation of Academic Aptitudes and 220 succeeded in passing the hurdle to form part of the year 2015 St. Toribius of Mogrovejo graduating class. They will be grouped into four homerooms – yes, your math is correct – there are 55 students per homeroom here, because that permits us to offer subsidized tuition to a great number of the morning session students and very, very low tuitions to all the students in the afternoon session, who come from the public schools in our low income neighborhood.

The school celebrated its 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary with several popular activities: "Night of Stars", a variety show with 28 artistic acts, all performed by students; the dinner dance for parents and a poetry contest, "Verse by Verse", which delighted students and parents.



Liset Milla Sarmiento of 5<sup>th</sup> year recited her poem with great emotion and a good, strong voice.

The fifth year students, who graduate in December, are heavily involved in the presentation of their semester long investigations, an academic requirement for the diploma.

Eleven Edmund Rice Associates made a retreat with Brs. Vicent Peragine and Hugo Cáceres on All Souls' Day and renewed their annual promises.



**Brothers Vincent Peragine and Hugo Cáceres gather with the Associates who renewed their annual vows.**

Br. Hugo continues to contribute to the monthly diocesan newspaper with a column on the Bible and a word search for children. Alberto Llanos directed two mornings of reflection for university students as part of his labors with the diocesan Commission for Vocations.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, Alberto, with the support of the other Brothers, guided two young men in a morning designed to help them discern their interest in joining the Congregation. On Nov. 20 – 21, the community travelled north to Huanchaco Beach in Trujillo for a bit of recreation and a retreat day lead by Vincent. For Thanksgiving we have invited the principals and vice principals of both high school and technical school and their wives for a delicious meal together.

### **MUNDO MEJOR TECHNICAL CENTER**



**Student mechanics dismantle a car engine.**

Very few days of class remain before the students begin their 10-day period of preprofessional

practices in shops and businesses, putting into practice in real life situations what they have learn in the classrooms. They must work a total of 68 hours as part of the requirements to achieve a certificate from the Ministry of Education.

The campaign among the alumni to donate computers to the CETPRO has begun to bear fruit – the 1974 graduating class has offered a PC and that has Br. Rich Glatz smiling. On Saturday, Nov. 13, we kicked off the last intramural soccer tournament of the year with eight teams participating.

### **Edmund Rice Community -- Lima**

Several projects developed in the school have permitted us to cultivate bonds of friendship and affection, the identity of our congregation, with the school and also the social commitment to those less fortunate than ourselves.

In October we celebrated the XIV anniversary of Edmund Rice's beatification with a mass prepared by the "Friends of Edmund Rice" group. The school also marked 30 years of service to the poor in our neighborhood. We all enjoyed the activities although they meant a lot of additional work. We also had our monthly retreat morning lead by Br. Jim Glos.

In November Williams Cunyas had a birthday party in which the Brothers and some Associates were present. The 5<sup>th</sup> year students invited Williams to a small reception in their classroom.

### **Providencia Community – Moyobamba, Perú**

We begin with a sad note: on Nov. 24 we got the news that Br. Saúl Velásquez's older sister had passed away as a result of a brain hemorrhage. Therefore Saúl had to travel quickly to the city of Huancayo, accompanied by Br. Paul Keohane, to accompany his family. May she rest in peace.

On All Souls' Day the community, lead by Br. John Prior, went to the village of San Ignacio for the celebration of a paraliturgy in honor of their dead relatives. Later the Brothers blessed the tombs and sang hymns. The villagers were very happy to have the Brothers with them and the mayor invited them to his home for a meal.

A vocational workshop was held on Nov. 6 – 7 and a nice group of young men participated, showing a serious interest in a religious vocation with the Christian Brothers. We hope that their vocations will continue to mature, so that in a not too distant future we may have them sharing our communities.



The vocation workshop group in Moyobamba with Brs. Elmer and Saúl.

Speaking of vocations, we share the good news that a few days ago a young man finished his live-in experience in our house. Edil Cruz Cubas is 20 years old and is from a small village called El Carmen. He returned home very satisfied with the experience of community and will continue to discern his vocation. One week ago José Augusto Rucoba, who is 18, began a live-in period and is doing very well.

### Birthdays and Celebrations:

Saúl Velásquez	Nov. 14
Ever Cieza	Dec.5
Eduardo McArdle	Dec.10
Hubert Wall	Dec.17

### Holidays and Holydays

- 17 Nov 1947 – Arrival of the Christian Brothers in South America – Buenos Aires
- 21 Nov Presentation of Virgen Mary
- 25 Nov. Thanksgiving (EE.UU.)
- 08 Dec. Immaculate Conception



## The next few murals in the project in honor of Blessed Edmund Rice

THEME: “Two ports in distant seas join hands...”

Chimbotz-☞☞ Waterford



Real students are used as the models for the murals and our mascot, Estrella, modeled for the cat.



This scene depicts students arriving at the school's main gate to star classes.



This wall has a window that connects with the parish next door.

## Cardenal Newman Community – Bs. As.

Reflection by Blessed Cardinal Newman:

*"I have my mission"*

God was quite full and blessed in himself, but it was his desire to create a world for His glory. God is Almighty and could have done all the things Himself, but has willed that the beings he created perform their part. We are created for His glory and to do His will. I am created to do or to be something for which no one else has been created. I have a place in the designs of God and in the world which no one else has. Rich or poor, despised or esteemed by men, God knows and calls me by my name. God has created me to do some definite service. God has given me a work which is not entrusted to another.

*I have my mission.*

I can never know in this life, but it will be revealed in the next. Somehow I am necessary for His purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel is in its place. If I fail, He can certainly raise another, as He could make children of Abraham from the stones.

But I have a part in this great work: I am a link in the chain, an important union between people. I have not been created for nothing. I will do well; I will do my work. I'll be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, unintentionally, if I keep His commandments and serve in my vocation. Therefore, trust in Him: whatever it is, and wherever it is, I can never be discarded. If I am sick, my sickness may serve Him. If I am perplexed, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am sad, my sorrow may serve him. My illness, perplexity or punishment may be necessary causes in a larger plan that is beyond us. He does nothing in vain. He can prolong my life, and can shorten it. He knows what He is doing. He can provide me with friends. He can throw me among strangers. He can make me feel desolate. He can let me have my moods. He can hide the future, but even then He knows what He is doing.

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